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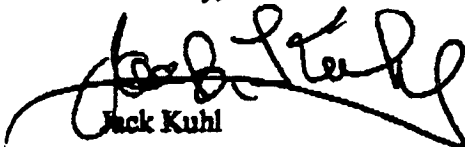
Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am a rancher in Calaveras County and I am writing to ask you to extend the time to read and comment on the final environmental report released July 21. I also believe Cal-Fed should hold public hearings on the plan, so we who must abide by it can understand how we fit into the plan.

Cal-Fed needs to move more quickly to develop surface water storage with adequate yield to accommodate the increasing population and environmental needs. Water conservation cannot make the same strides it has made in the past. We will work to become more efficient, but drought will take a serious toll on California's environment and economy unless new storage with additional yield comes on line soon.

Sincerely,



Jack Kuhl

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative John Doolittle

Governor Gray Davis
State Senator Tim Leslie
Assemblyman Rico Oller